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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
for Research and Intelligence.

Attention: Mr. Fisher Howe

SUBJECT: Soviet Internal Communications, Monitoring of

1. Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated 26 October 1948 enclosing Despatch No. 635 from Moscow and despatch dated 12 June 1948 from Vladivostok.
2. FBIB monitoring is limited in scope to a) voice broadcasts intended for the public and b) press transmissions and despatches. With reference to Soviet internal material, it will in the near future provide respectively:
 - a. Complete coverage of Soviet Home Service voice and partial coverage of Regional Service voice within monitoring range of Cyprus and Okinawa.
 - b. Adequate coverage of Tass press transmissions from Moscow and irregular coverage of Tass press despatches in Morse code from Irkutsk, Vladivostok and other regional centers.
3. Material received is similar to that obtainable from the published Soviet press.
4. This office would be interested in any information bearing upon effective monitoring of internal Soviet administrative and commercial traffic.

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